

**HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
MEETING HELD  
October 7, 2020 at 3:30PM**

The Emergency meeting of the Hamilton County Board of Elections was called to order at 3:30pm by Chair Gwen McFarlin. Present were members Mr. Triantafilou, Mr. Gerhardt and Mr. Faux. Also present: Director Sherry Poland and Deputy Director Sally Krisel and Cooper Bowen with the Hamilton County Prosecutor's office.

Ms. McFarlin noted that proper notice was duly provided as required by O.R.C. 121.22. Ms. McFarlin opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. APPROVE: BOARD EMPLOYEES TO COLLECT ABSENTEE BALLOTS OUTSIDE THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Pursuant to Secretary of State Directive 2020-22 issued Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> allowing Boards to approve by majority vote the placing of staff outside the Board of Elections offices for the purpose of ballot collection, Staff presented a plan to the Board which allows the Director and Deputy Director to schedule bipartisan teams to handle ballot collection using ballot bags at specified Board of Elections site locations in the event the need arises. The Board was assured that all safety precautions would be taken for both staff and voters in the ballot drop off process. A discussion regarding the increasing traffic for both voting and ballot drop off and the future management of same ensued.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approved the plan to allow the Director and Deputy Director to schedule bipartisan teams to assist with ballot drop off collection; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

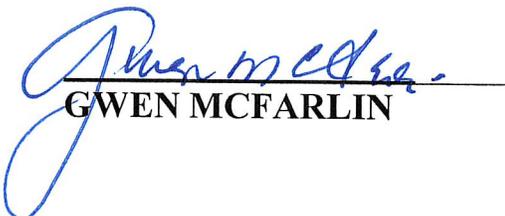
There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

DATE: November 2, 2020

CHAIR:

DIRECTOR:

  
GWEN MCFARLIN

  
SHERRY L. POLAND